AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following list. Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions by strikethroughs. This list replaces all previous lists.

1. (Currently amended) A system for managing records, the system comprising:

a database;

a remote computer including:

a memory, in which the record is stored;

a processor; and

a record management system in communication with the memory and the processor and configured to, in response to an instruction from a user, instruct the processor to ~~classify the record on the remote computer, and~~ file one or more of the records with ~~in~~ the database and upon filing ~~the~~ one or more of records with the database, automatically instruct the processor to delete one or more of the records from the memory.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the record management system is further configured to, in response to a second instruction from the user, instruct the processor to classify one or more of the records while the one or more records are stored in the memory.~~by determining whether the record is open at the remote computer.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the record management system is further configured to instruct the processor to classify one or more of the records by determining whether one or more of the records ~~has~~ have previously been classified.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the record management system is further configured to instruct the processor to classify <u>one or more of</u> the record<u>s</u> by reclassifying <u>one or more of</u> the record<u>s</u>.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the record management system further instructs the processor to select a plurality of records; and classify the selected records.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the record management system further instructs the processor to display a property of <u>one or more of</u> the record<u>s</u>.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~the management of~~ <u>managing</u> electronic records, the method comprising the steps of:

~~classifying the record at a remote computer, wherein the record is stored on the remote computer;~~

filing <u>one or more of</u> the record<u>s</u> ~~at a~~ <u>stored on a remote computer with</u> a separate central database <u>in response to an instruction from a user</u> ~~after the classification of the record~~;

and

automatically deleting ~~one or more of~~ the records from the remote computer ~~without user intervention~~ upon ~~the~~ filing ~~of~~ one or more of the records ~~at~~ with the central database via a record management system stored on the remote computer.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further including ~~wherein~~ the step of classifying one or more of the records in response to a second instruction from the user while one or more of the ~~includes determining whether~~ records ~~is~~ are stored on ~~open at~~ the remote computer.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~8~~9, wherein the step of classifying one or more of the records includes determining whether one or more of the records ~~has~~ have previously been classified.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~8~~ 9, wherein the step of classifying one or more of the records includes reclassifying one or more of the records.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~8~~ 9 further including the steps of:

    selecting a plurality of records and;

    classifying the plurality of selected records while the records are stored on the remote computer.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, ~~further including~~ further including ~~wherein the step of filing includes~~ displaying ~~a property~~ properties of one or more of the records.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for managing ~~the management of~~ electronic records, the system comprising:

~~means for classifying the record at a remote computer, wherein the record is stored on the remote computer;~~

means for filing one or more of the records ~~at~~ stored on a remote computer to a separate central database ~~after the user classifies the record~~ in response to an instruction by user; and

means for automatically deleting one or more of the records from the remote computer ~~without user intervention~~ upon ~~the~~ filing one or more of the records ~~at~~ with the central database, wherein the means for filing and the means for automatically deleting are ~~via a record management system~~ stored on the remote computer.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, further including a ~~wherein the~~ means for classifying one or more of the records, in response to a second instruction from the user, while one or more of ~~includes means for determining whether~~ the records are stored on ~~is~~ open at the remote computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ 16, wherein the means for classifying one or more of the records includes means for determining whether the record has previously been classified.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ 16, wherein the means for classifying one or more of the records includes a means for reclassifying one or more the records.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ 16, wherein the means for classifying one or more of the records includes a means for ~~saving~~ storing one or more of the records with an associated property ~~in~~ on the remote computer.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15 further including:

        means for selecting a plurality of records and;

        means for classifying the plurality of selected records while the records are stored on ~~at~~ the remote computer.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15~~,~~ further including a ~~wherein the means for filing includes~~ means for displaying ~~record properties~~ a property of one or more of the records.